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THERE FOLLOW INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF COMMENTS ON THE "COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK" PAPER WHICH THE US CIRCULATED AT THE FEBRUARY 16-17 NPG HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING. BEGIN TEXT OF COMMENTS:

- 1. AFTER COMPLETING AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE HLG
 "COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR TNF MODERNIZATION" PAPER, WE
 ARE EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED WITH ITS ORGANIZATION AND COMPLETENESS. IT APPEARS THE SALIENT POINTS DISCUSSED AT THE
 16-17 FEBRUARY MEETING HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE
 COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT NPG
 MINISTERIALS.
- 2. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE REFERENCED PAPER, WE DO HAVE A SUGGESTION THAT MAY AID IN CLARSECRET

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IFICATION OF THE SELECTED PARAGRAPH. FOLLOWING IS THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

3. PARAGRAPH 8, LINES 7 AND 8 - THE SENTENCE CONCLUDES WITH "AND RESTORING THE DETERRENT". IN AS MUCH AS THE "PROVISIONAL POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE INITIAL DEFENSIVE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY NATO" STATE,

"SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL AND AGRESSION OCCUR, NATO'S OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF THE NATO AREA", IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK PAPER USE AGREED PHRASEOLOGY. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THE SUBJECT SENTENCE READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE CENTRAL THEME IS ONE OF ESCALATION, TOWARD THE END OF TERMINATING HOSTILITIES AND RESTORING AND MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF THE NATO AREA".

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